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# Vehicle Documents Theft Prevention



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# Every 29 seconds...

a vehicle is stolen.

... there are over **ONE MILLION** motor vehicle thefts in the United States every year.

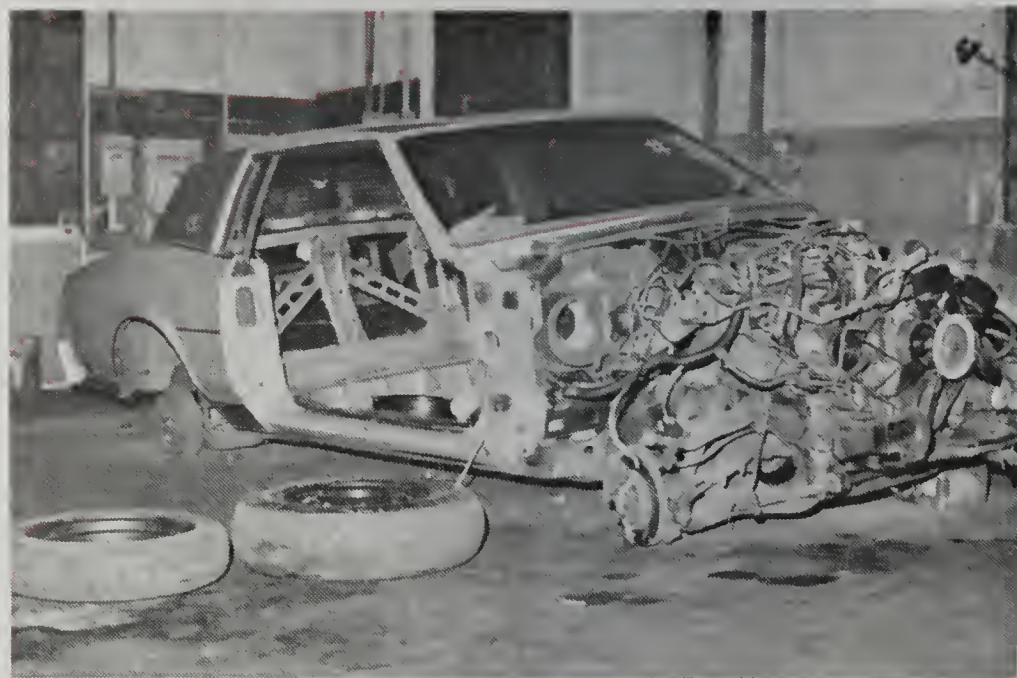
... there are over 54,000 motor vehicles stolen in Illinois.

... in Chicago and the collar areas (Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane and Will Counties) approximately 49,000 motor vehicles are stolen.

... auto thefts cost the U.S. public **five billion** dollars.

... nationwide, Illinois ranks 6th for total vehicle thefts.

... one out of every 153 registered motor vehicle will be stolen.



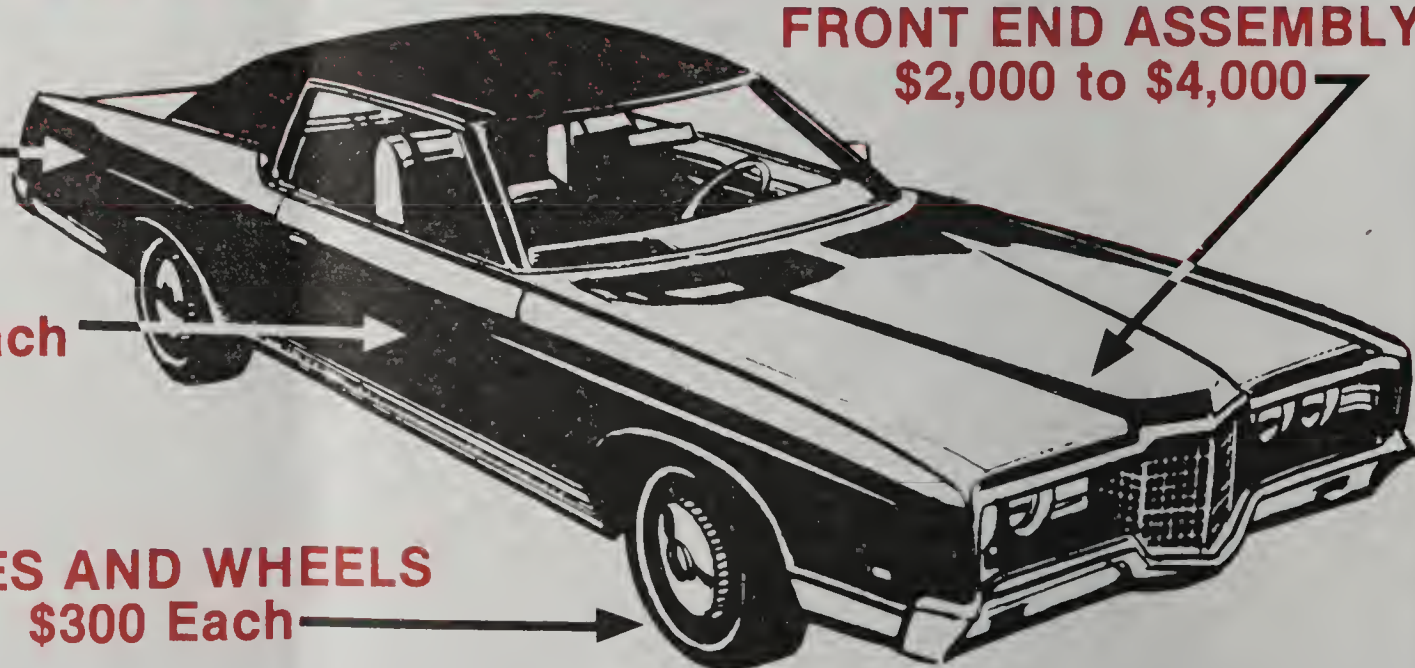
## Your Replacement Costs

TAIL SECTION  
\$600 to \$1,500

DOORS  
\$500 to \$900 Each

TIRES AND WHEELS  
\$300 Each

FRONT END ASSEMBLY  
\$2,000 to \$4,000



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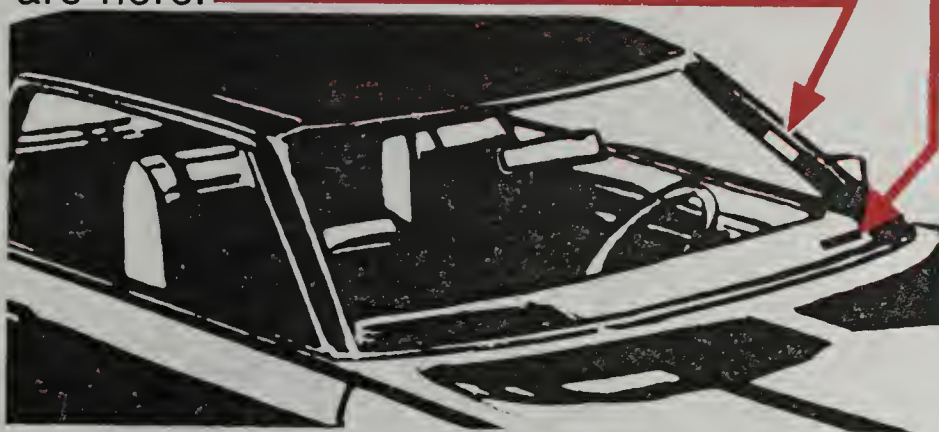
# Prevention

- Lock Your Car
- Take your keys out of the ignition
- Close all windows
- Put packages or valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk
- Park in a well lighted area
- If you have a garage, use it, and lock it.

## Location of Your VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

Most VIN numbers are located here.

Foreign cars and Chevrolet Corvettes  
are here.





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## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Color (Upper/Lower) \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

.....  
Cut Out

## GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD



The **Golden Eagle Award** is a Program developed by the Illinois State Police to curb vehicle theft.

If you see a vehicle that you think is being stolen, or a possible chop shop in your area, report it immediately to your nearest State Police Headquarters.

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## What Should You Do When You Discover Your Vehicle Has Been Stolen?

- Promptly report it to the nearest police agency.  
Remember, time is very important. The quicker you report your vehicle as stolen, the greater the odds are that it may be recovered. The longer you wait to report it, the easier you make it for the thief. A chop shop can completely disassemble a vehicle within one hour.
- Provide the police agency with a complete description of your vehicle.
- Inform the police agency with the time and date you last observed your vehicle.
- The police agency will need to know the location from where your vehicle was stolen.
- If there is anything that makes your vehicle different or unusual, (special equipment, dents, or color tone) be sure to provide that information to the police agency. Information of this nature may aid in the recovery of your vehicle.

**Remember:**  
**Report It Immediately!**